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NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

To those who might think that soil and water conservation is a new development in this country, the history books would have a surprise. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Edmund Ruffin, and others were concerned about land deterioration and water wastage in their day; and they tried to do something about it. George Washington more than 200 years ago gave us this warning: He said, "If we ruin the lands that are already cleared — and a half, third, or even a fourth of what land we mangle, well wrought and properly dressed, would produce more than the whole under our system of management."

After 200 years, in spite of new agricultural developments and with the progress that has been made in the development of a sound land use program in the state, there remain farms in every Virginia county that if managed under a sound soil and water conservation plan, one fourth of the acreage would produce more than the whole under the present system of management.

But there is a lot that is bright on the conservation ledger. Even though the conservation job has only begun, remarkable progress has been made. Good farmers, like manufacturers of other products, have found that efficient production is closely related to the physical condition of the manufacturing plant. Recognizing that the proper use and treatment of land is the basis on which other phases of an agricultural program must rest, Virginia farmers are applying soil and water conservation plans to their farms in unrealized numbers.

Since the passage of the Virginia Soil Conservation Districts Law in 1938, all of the agricultural counties of the state with the exception of one have been organized by landowners into soil conservation districts. All 29 of the districts organized under this law have going conservation programs.

Soil conservationists have assisted more than 40,000 Virginia landowners with their soil and water conservation programs under the districts program.

In correcting the soil and water problems on these farms, landowners have applied more than 240,000 acres of contour strips, thus breaking slopes with close growing crops interwoven with row crops. These landowners have installed nearly 5,000 miles of open ditch drainage and approximately 1,600,000 feet of tile drainage to remove excess water from flat acres in an effort to make these acres more productive and to relieve the pressure on many sloping acres that should be kept in permanent vegetation and not cultivated. Farm ponds constructed under this program number over 14,000 and pasture land improved on these farms covers more than 1,500,000 acres. These are but a few of the many "on the land accomplishments" that have been applied to help conserve the soil and water resources of Virginia farms.

While a program of sound land use is being installed on Virginia's farm lands, there is another change taking place that is even of greater importance. This later change is in the minds of the Virginia citizenry. Our people have come to realize that natural resource conservation is important to all of us. The conservation of these resources rests not with the farmer alone, but with all the people. The economy of the state is so related to natural resources that conservation becomes everybody's business.

Naural resource conservation week in Virginia is being sponsored for the eighth consecutive year by the Virginia Association of Soil Conservation Districts, October 13-19. We hope that every organization and individual citizen of the Commonwealth will take note of this event.

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Few people have the courage to resist the crowd, even when they know the crowd is off base.

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Some five hundred people will be killed in the next ten days by automobiles in this country. Maybe, if some people knew the victim's, they would advocate safe and sane driving.

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We are constantly reading predictions about the "hard winter" ahead of us, and just as constantly reading prognostications of a "mild winter." Impartially, we report both; you can take your pick.

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ON CLEANER HIGHWAYS

An official of an automobile club in Maryland, August G. Detlof, has made an appeal to motorists in Maryland which should be made to motorists in every state. Certainly, as one travels from state to state, the necessity of the suggestion becomes apparent.

Mr. Detlof recently said, in an appeal to all motorists to help keep the highways clean of refuse and debris, "Mind your manners" .. highway etiquette is just as much a part of good driving as observing the rules of the road drawn up for safety and convenience."

He reminds motorists that "it costs some $50,000,000 yearly to keep the primary highways of the nation reasonably clean of miscellaneous litter tossed from motor vehicles. Highway departments are obliged to maintain cleanup squads at heavy cost to the motorist-taxpayer because a minority of the highway users persist in discarding refuse as they ride. This money could be well spent for constructive highway purposes.

The same type of people who carelessly litter the streets and sidewalks of the town in which they live, ride blithely along our highways, tossing refuse from their cars onto the highways and shoulders of the road with no thought that they are doing anything wrong. We have enough laws: what we need is a personal sense of tidiness.

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Positive assertions by the man who doesn't know will often produce more results than the balanced statements of the man who knows.

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There are simple citizens who believe that we can have peace by resolutions.

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There are lots of smart people in the world, but few students.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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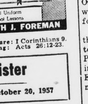
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 9. Devotional Reading: Acts 20:12-23.

Minister

Lesson for October 20, 1957

THE man has various titles. He may himself prefer to be called by the simple democratic "Mister." But he is also Pastor John Doe, and the Reverend John Doe, and maybe Doctor Doe, besides. Some call him the preacher. But the title that binds him closest, perhaps, to the Lord Jesus, is the word "Minister." Jesus said: "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve." The Latin word for "serve" in that verse (Mark 10:45) is the word from which our English word "minister" is derived. It is the most inclusive of all the titles; it means in general one who is of service to others, and in particular one who serves in the name of Christ.



Dr. Foreman

The Minister's Call

Consider three points about ministers, which the people in the pews often overlook. One is the minister's call. What he does is a "calling" rather than a "position". How does a minister come to be pastor of a particular church? That varies from one denomination to another, though not very much. But how does the minister come to be one in the first place? That is always the same, whether he is a Roman Catholic priest or a Protestant minister: he is a minister of Christ because he believes, he was called by the Lord to do and be just that. Could he be mistaken? Indeed he can. There are men in the ministry who have no business there. The problem of how to be sure about one's call to the ministry is a problem for ministers, not for most of the people who read these lines. What we need to do, when we "call" a minister, is to be sure we get a man who among other strong points has this: he is God's man first of all; ours only because he was God's first.

The Minister's Salary

Some churches do not have salaried ministers. Most of the churches in America, however, do have salaried ministers. One thing that many church members do not realize is that the salary of a minister is positively not the same thing as a weekly wage paid to a farm hand, or a business man's return on an investment in stocks, or a fee paid to a lawyer. If you hire a man, he is your man. If you don't like what he is doing, you can fire him. But the minister is not a hired man. He is God's man, at your service, but not under your thumb. The business man wants to get rich, or richer; his income builds up his fortune. But the minister's salary never grows to a fortune. The lawyer has a stated set of fees, and if he is like some lawyers, he charges what the traffic will bear, i.e. he charges the wealthy more than the poor. In the Protestant church there is no scale of fees; most of what the minister does is free. Progressive ministers are today doing away with the wedding fee, for example, marrying only their own people and doing this as a part of the church's service to its people. Furthermore, and this is most important, the minister's salary, unlike professional fees, is NOT payment for services rendered. If the minister is any account, his services are beyond price. (How much is it worth, in cash, to be comforted in sorrow, strengthened in temptation, illuminated in spirit?) The salary is a subsidy enabling him to work without a salary!

The Minister's Ambition

Paul made it clear that he had a right to a salary; though he preferred not to use that right but to earn a living as he went along. But even if he had been "paid," the salary could never have been the main thing with him. "That I may WIN some people"—not to build a kind of private empire, not to win people for himself, but for Christ. Only God saves men; but he saves men through men. And what price can be named which is a fair "payment" for saving a man's soul?

All dedicated men set the doing of their work above the paycheck in importance. Their real heart's ambition is not for more pay. Their ambition is greater effectiveness—a closer approach to perfection, whether their work is art, teaching, bridge-building or whatever else it may be. So the true minister's secret ambition is not a bigger congregation, more salary, more prestige: it is more souls won.

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Publisher.

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(My commission expires 3-15-58).

Richwood

Richwood, Oct. 14.- "You should try to learn from the mistakes of others; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

—Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughters, Judy and Jane were the guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. G. T. Marsh is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

J. A. Blazer is spending a few days with his family here.

Mrs. Archer LeGrand is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

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...M. Robinson and Miss ...ella visited Mr. and Mrs. ...lie Saturday P. M. Mrs. ...nd spent the week-end ...ne.

...Mrs. Gordon Staples visited ...and Mrs. Billy Smith, of ...Sunday P. M.

...Mrs. Kermit C. Paulette ...and Mrs. Joe E. Paulette, of Lynchburg, Sun-...

...C. Staples visited Mr. and ...Doss at Sherwill Sun-...

...Mrs. A. J. Rodhoy and ...Mrs. J. M. Watts, all of ...visited Mr. and Mrs. S. ...Sunday P. M.

...Mrs. J. L. Griffith, of ...and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. ...of Lynchburg spent Sun-... Mr. and Mrs. G. W. ...

...Mrs. Stewart Paulette ...B. spent Sunday in ...with her mother, Mrs. ...ker.

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A number of people called over the week-end in the home of Mr. T. T. Evans, who is ill at this time.

The home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Melvin Grashaw Monday evening.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and or Experiment Station.)

Q. Should I cut my alfalfa now? It is 14 inches high and in full bloom.

A. Questions about late cuttings of alfalfa still are being asked throughout the state. Weigh your present needs for feed against future benefits. If you cut it now, you can count on a reduced yield next year. Cutting around the date of the first killing frost is most harmful, so this also should be taken into consideration. Alfalfa should go into winter about 6 or 8 inches tall. After frost has killed top growth completely or after growth has stopped, the remaining alfalfa may be grazed lightly or cut and used for hay or silage if enough cover is left to protect the crowns.

Q. Is it too late to seed alfalfa?

A. Yes, unless you are a lucky gambler.

Q. What can I use to control grubs on lawns?

A. Insecticides that give a rather slow but effective kill of grubs include DDT, toxaphene, and arsenate of lead. A faster kill can be obtained by using chlordane, aldrin, dieldrin, or heltachlor. You can mix the insecticide with 5-10-5 fertilizer. The fertilizer will help the plants overcome the injury caused by the grube. The amount of insecticide used will vary. Follow the directions on the label of the package in which it comes.

Q. What do you think burley tobacco will bring this year?

A. The market should be at least as good as last year. There are too many imponderables in the picture to give a more definite answer.

Q. Should I use a nurse crop when making alfalfa seedlings?

A. No, a nurse crop is not necessary with alfalfa. And your alfalfa should have been seeded before now.

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BRILLIANT COLORS NOW ON SKYLINE DRIVE

Skyline Drive, Va.- This is the month that nature has a field day here on the crests and slopes of the Shenandoah National Park.

Colors of almost every hue and shade are on display from vantage points everywhere along the 105 miles of the drive. The riot of color makes the drive a popular week day or week-end trip for families from throughout the east.

Park rangers report that the colors will reach their peak during the latter part of October and will continue bright during much of November.

White oak, black gum, sourwood, dogwood and sumac provide sweeps of red foliage. Spiloteches of yellow come from yellow and black birches, the tulip trees, the hickories and the chestnut oak, Sassafras provides the orange and white ash the purple. Probably the most colorful of all, the red maples, are adding three-tone combinations of yellows, oranges and reds.

Travel in the park at the end of September was already 5.5 per cent ahead of last year, and this year's especially brilliant fall colors are expected to boost the percentage even higher.

One of the choice spots for viewing the mountain-banks of color is the picture-window dining room at Big Meadows Lodge. This hotel and cottage facility will remain open until November 4. Skyland, just a few miles to the north, will be open until October 28.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Oct. 15.- We have surely had some big frosts lately. Seems a young snow, and we had ice two mornings.

Our community has been so saddened again by the passing of Mr. Melvin Caldwell. Such a shock to his family and friends. We want to extend deepest sympathy to his fine wife and children. Also his fine parents and good sisters. Our loss is his gain. He has gone to dwell in a land not made with hands, forever to dwell there with his dear Saviour.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Younger, Mrs. Ruby Oaks and Mr. Robert Younger, of Rustburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family.

The children of Mrs. J. H. Beard gathered at her home Sunday to celebrate her birthday. She is still confined to her bed. She enjoyed the day and good dinner with her children present. Some could not be present to wish their mother many more happy birthdays.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached a good sermon at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. He was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. He then went on to Lynchburg to assist in the funeral services of Mr. Melvin Caldwell. He then left for Petersburg for a meeting all this week.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Evington is spending some time with her son, Jack Caldwell, Jr. and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and son, Ronnie attended the 91st birthday of his grandmother, Mrs. Ed Bates at Spout Spring on last Saturday. We wish for Mrs. Bates many more happy days ahead.

We want to wish Mrs. Charlie Coleman a happy birthday on Friday, October 18. We hope she will have many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and children and Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and son, Brad, visited Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler over the week-end.

Mr. Royall Harding, of Norfolk, visited his father, Mr. Royal Harding, Sr., and brother, Bud, over the week-end.

Mrs. Florence Carson, of Richmond is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill Carter, of Lovingston visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson last week.

Mrs. Hugh Branford has returned home after spending last week in Washington.

'MANICURES' VAULT LOCK

Tulare, Calif.- Orval Nelson, 22-year-old draftsman in the city engineer's office, walked in the city vault to inspect some maps. The door blew shut and the inner lock jammed, Nelson attracted attention by rapping on the inside of the vault and for an hour police and firemen tried to open the door. Then they heard faint metallic clickings inside the vault. Workers tugged on the handle and the door opened. Nelson had used a cuticle cutter to remove the circular inner lock on the bolt.

REALLY HOT

Phoenix, Ariz.- The exceedingly hot temperature gave Mrs. Carl Atterberry a sinking feeling. Standing on a downtown street, where the temperature was above 100 degrees, she had an unaccountable sinking feeling. Looking down, she saw the plastic high heels on her shoes had melted.

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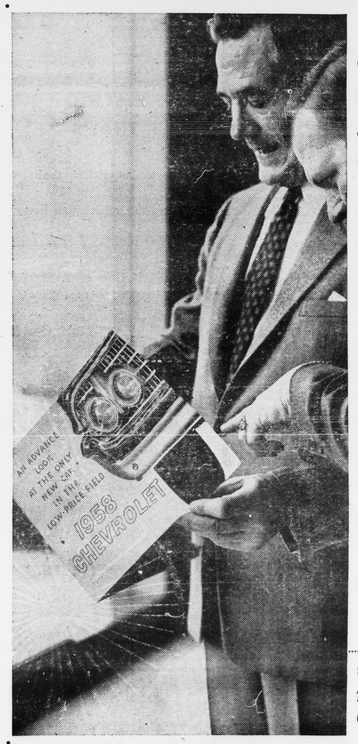

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